

U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia
Message to U.S. Citizens
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Immigration Status in Zambia

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Zambia to keep their visitor visas or residency permits valid and current. Zambian officials appear to be increasing the enforcement and punishment of foreigners who have expired immigration documents or are violating the terms of their visa, such as working in Zambia on a visitor visa. An arrest may lead to prolonged incarceration while the alleged offender awaits a court hearing or deportation.

U.S. citizens who have been arrested are advised to contact the U.S. Embassy as soon as possible using our emergency mobile phone number: 0966-877-805.

According to the Zambian Department of Immigration, tourists are entitled to a cumulative ninety day visit within one calendar year and foreigners on business are entitled to a thirty day visit within a period of twelve months. Permit extensions must be obtained at the Zambian Immigration Headquarters in Lusaka. Additional information may be found at the Department of Immigration website at:
<http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/>.

The U.S. Embassy in Lusaka is located on Ibex Hill Road, Lusaka. The Consular Section can be contacted at 0211-357-000 or via email at ACSLusaka@state.gov. For assistance after hours or in an emergency, you can contact us at 0211-357-000 or 0966-877-805.

You can stay in touch and get updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy in Zambia website](#). You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of [Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at the Bureau of Consular Affairs page or download our free Smart Traveler App for iPhone and Android to have travel information at your fingertips. If you do not have Internet access, you can obtain current information about safety and security by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or, for callers from other countries, a regular toll line 1-202-501-4444. Respondents are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Zambia, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.